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ABDUCTION REPORTS

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From MUFON Ontario Case Reports

by Tom Theofanous

Anne H. from Port Perry, Ontario, remembers that when in the spring of 1992 she and her eight-year-old daughter were walking down an unpaved road toward an empty summer cottage and stopping by a tall tree, they saw a craft hovering not far from them, over Lake Scuggog.

As they watched, an intense blue beam of light shone down and toward them from the hovering object and lit up the tree beside them.

Anne and her daughter tried to avoid being bathed in this bluish light and she remembers feeling heat from the beam and feeling sure the tree was affected by the beam.

The next morning Anne noticed that both she and her daughter had identical, triangular, red-dotted, rash-like marks on their shoulders.

Although the dermatologist they visited shortly after their experience could not explain what might have caused the marks or where they might have come from, he gave them some cream to treat the rashes. The rashes took several days to disappear.

Anne H. had had earlier sightings of unusual flying craft on numerous occasions while she lived in Toronto, including one in the early 70's.



Computer art by Drew Williamson

Early one summer's evening she saw a bright object the size and brilliance of a full moon - a craft. It flew closer to her, hovered for a while and then shot away, vertically, at extreme speed.

The peculiar thing she noticed, while observing the large craft, was that she could hear no other noises. No traffic sounds, (being close to a major street) no people walking, no birds - absolute silence.

She didn't notice the time so it's unknown if any time-loss or gap occurred.

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EDITORIAL NOTES

Our apologies for the delayed publication of the November 94 issue. It is to be hoped that we shall be able to deal with this discrepancy and get back on our schedule in the near future.

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Prima Donna Syndrome

by Victor Lourenco

MUFON Ontario Provincial Director



It is with concern that after being involved in the field of UFOs for the last 16 years I see so much gossip and prima donna behaviour.

As far as I am concerned, these armchair "ufologists" who do nothing in terms of UFO investigations, who set their priorities on character assassination or defamation, do not deserve the MUFON credibility and should be "whining" somewhere else.

One of my goals as a Provincial director is to guarantee that UFOs remain our target as far as MUFON activities are concerned, not the "crap" between, not the New Age, not the subtle "purist" debunking approach.

MUFON might not be the perfect UFO organisation but it is the only one that functions and has the ingredients to perform within scientific parameters.

One must realise that MUFON grew too fast and like any other organisation has to adapt to new demands. Surely, we need to fine-tune and overcome some of the logistic obstacles, but it requires the right approach, time and dedication from all of us willing to work in a positive and constructive way.

I am sick and tired of reading and listening to comments and opinions on specific individuals and the work and credits they are getting out of their apparent[?] professionalism. Is any work being done by local MUFON structure where those cases are occurring ? What about MUFON Florida involvement in the new Gulf Breeze photos? What about MUFON New York regarding Linda Cortile? etc.

Targeting "celebrities" is not MUFON policy, or mine for that matter, so let's get to the real action that eventually will lead us to the final answers. Let's get back to the "grass roots" spirit that gave MUFON the size and respect that it has today. Let's consolidate and reinforce our work by setting goals and adequate strategies.

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IN MEMORY OF JOHN MAGOR (1915-September 3, 1994)



Canadian Ufologist
acknowledged worldwide
Graduate, Columbus School
of Journalism, 1937
Recipient, Alumnus Award
from CSJ, 1963
Editor, free-lance reporter,
correspondent and publisher
Served with RCAF, World
War II, three years
Canadian UFO Report
exhibit-Man and His World,
Montreal

The October issue, MUFON Journal (U.S.), bade farewell to a pioneer in the field of Ufology. John Magor was British Columbia's first MUFON Provincial Director and the author of three books on UFO's. His first, **Our UFO Visitors** was published in 1977. We would like to pay tribute to Mr. Magor by recounting some of his reports from that book.

In the prelude to his book, Mr. Magor wrote that in 1967-68 the Western Mountains and Rocky Mountain Trench were the focal areas of a world 'ufo-flap'. In 1969 a United States Air Force-financed university committee was established to investigate the UFO mystery and concluded "that it wasn't worth pursuing because they could not explain all of the cases". Since the publication of Mr. Magor's book (1977), UFO reports became so numerous that science really began to take notice.

Now 18 years later, the subject is talked about and investigated on a daily basis worldwide and still approximately 5% of reports go unexplained.

Back in the summer and fall of 1967, which Mr. Magor called the "Invasion Year", there were a great number of reports in Caribou country (Alberta, Canada).

In August at around 10:00 p.m., a dozen residents at McLeese Lake sighted a glowing red object to the south about the size of a soccer ball. It travelled above the new power cables along the Peace River which had not yet been activated. As witness Mrs. Alfred Beck described, "It just hovered for a while as if studying the lines".

Over the next few years there were many other sightings along the 700-mile length of the system.

Brian Grattan, a rancher, claimed to have observed so many incidents it was hard to sort them out. His first sighting was on the evening of July 11, 1967 over Taylor Lake when he and a friend from Texas saw a red light. Upon closer examination it was five objects, four in a triangle and one in front. They had red lights with a bit of green in them, and they hummed loudly in the key of F as if charging up.

Then a sixth disk-shaped object appeared moving very fast. It had a red light on top, the rim was lit up and it seemed to be revolving. It dove down between the others and shot out of sight. Then as if having received some sort of signal, the others shot off in different directions.

Mr. Grattan recalled a night at a dance hall, when a glowing red object appeared but took off when people shone lights at it.

He also described an incident one August evening. A couple from Oregon staying at the ranch joked about his UFO stories. Then they had the opportunity to have their own experience.

Another guest spotted a bright light and was told it was Venus. But it was moving and came down, lighting the place up as it passed and landed behind trees about four miles away. Some of the guests wanted to check it out but then it started giving off lightening flashes. They lasted all night and into the early morning then just disappeared. Unfortunately, when Grattan and his guests did check for traces there was nothing to be seen.

The most memorable event for Mr. Grattan was in February, 1968. It was early in the evening and while taking a shower, the diesel generator that ran the water pump stopped. While checking outside, he could see a dim light moving over the corral.

It was still light enough that he could see a disk-shaped object with a light on top of a dome. It was about 28 feet in diameter and revolving. He could see three or four windows which emitted faint light but couldn't see inside.

He tried to get the object's attention but it seemed more interested in the cattle. The herd appeared not to notice the object, although it gave off a low rhythmic noise, which he thought was odd from past experiences. Then it just moved off into the night.

Mr. Grattan put John Magor in touch with some neighbours a few miles away. Mr. & Mrs. Hills owned a lodge and their account had more impact. While preparing for bed one night, Mrs. Hills looked out the window over Green Lake and saw a red glow appear over the hill on the other side.

She saw two red lights and then another much larger one move in between the two, and again two smaller ones making a formation. They moved swiftly towards the lodge and her husband and son came running just in time to see the lights rush past to the west towards another neighbour's ranch.

Mr. Gammie, owner of the Flying U Ranch, rushed outside after talking to Mrs. Hills on the phone, to see the objects coming toward him. He thought they were going to hit his ranch-house but they continued south-west and stopped abruptly about seven miles away.

Ernie Hills was impressed with the unbelievable speed in which they moved and then suddenly just stopped while looking for a place to land. He described it as "mind boggling!".

Mr. Magor suggested that these visitors possibly had developed reflexes far superior to ours and have a far greater physical dexterity than ours to perform these manoeuvres.

The Hills believed the object to be about the size of the (then) B.C. Hydro-Electric Building. And when they observed it through binoculars, they saw what looked like rows of windows that seemed to have light inside.

The four little balls of light suddenly darted off in different directions. They came back and a beam of light shone out of the big one. The smaller craft would enter the light and shoot along it possibly going into the larger one like into a hangar (a system Mr. Magor called dispatch and return).

Exhausted by the whole ordeal the Hills went to sleep and missed the ending.

Mr. Gammie was going on vacation and could not be reached to confirm the incident at the time but did so upon Mr. Magor's return to visit him two years later.

Mr. Gammie also spoke about a sighting he had in 1964 which he reported to a friend who was an RCAF Senior Officer. The officer showed him pictures of UFOs for comparison. He then told Mr.

Gammie that should the report go public, he was never there and would have to deny any knowledge of the report.

Mr. Magor described cases from all over the world involving various UFO groups, institutions and the media. This was not just a phase a small group of people were experiencing but worldwide reports and investigation. That alone should have some bearing on the reality of something unusual happening, (perhaps 'extraterrestrial').

He wrote about Indian pictographs that were found at Christina Lake dating back approximately 300 years. They portrayed flying objects. Today there are many hoaxes and fake accounts of flying objects, but it is highly unlikely that anyone 300 years ago would try to fake a flying object. He stated "No such flimsy label can be attached to the object in that ancient pictograph. If it is the flying ship it appears to be, it is by the same token--unless we badly underrate the technical skills of our ancestors--a ship from another world."

There have been numerous ancient Indian legends passed down from generation to generation that describe objects in the sky, unusual visitors, strange lights, and the existence of other worlds beyond ours. Mr. Magor also referred to the Dogon tribe, (who still exist today near Timbuktu, West Africa). They drew pictures of fish-like beings and told how they landed in a burning ship and jumped into the water.

For a couple of centuries, the Dogon knew of the orbit of Sirius B, which was not confirmed by astronomers until the 1970's - an 'impossibility' without knowledge of the stars and the universe unless they were technologically equipped to study the sky.

John Magor, like many involved in the field today, felt that a credible UFO witness was one who became secretive about their experience until interviewed. It was as if they felt relief that their experience could be shared with someone who was interested and knowledgeable in the field. He stated that a person who sees a helicopter, for example, does not ordinarily become secretive about it because they have identified what they saw. But on the other hand someone who has seen something they cannot explain often has a change in personality, beliefs, etc. They cannot be convinced that it was a helicopter or any other explainable object because it was so extraordinary.

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INVESTIGATION

The Carp Case - Part V

*-The MUFON Ontario version-
by Tom Theofanous & Errol Bruce-
Knapp*

On May 9th, 1993 Tom, Lise and Graham drove to Almonte to talk to Bobby (Guardian) Charlebois without success. The following day Oechsler called Graham and was very upset at the attempt to talk to Charlebois which puzzled Graham.

May 28th Graham and Oechsler met with Gary Osterbrook a polygrapher. Oechsler and Osterbrook had agreed on a price of one thousand dollars to conduct two lie-detector tests - one on Diane Labenek the other on Susan ('Sarah Janille') Gill - Oechsler's mysterious 'Canadian Government Official'. Oechsler used one of Bruce Maccabee's personal cheques made out for \$1,000 (US) which he gave to Osterbrook as payment for the testing.

In 1993, 'The Air Report' (Associated Investigator's Report #1) raised the issue of the possibility of Maccabee using The Fund for UFO Research money for personal gain:

[quote]

Dr. Maccabee has made at least one trip to Ontario to investigate the case. It is not known whether any Fund for UFO Research monies were expended in this investigation.

[quote ends]

Maccabee responded in his 'Rebuttal Paper', page 18 item 27:

[quote]

.....a simple question which could have been answered before the publication [of the 'Air Report'] by a simple phone call to the Chairman, Richard Hall, or to any of the other members of the Executive Board. The answer is NO (a thousand times, no) "

[quote ends]

An odd choice of words. Surely a coincidence? A check, signed by him, for \$1,000.00 to Gary Osterbrook the polygrapher? "The answer is NO (a thousand times No.)!"

Bruce Maccabee, photographic expert and video-analyst supposedly had no interest in the Carp Case other than analysing the Guardian Video. He declared it on television to be an 'authentic' landed UFO!

More from 'THE AIR REPORT':

[quote]

Dr. Maccabee also maintains a relationship with Robert Oechsler, a man whose motives in the field are at best mercenary. He has at one point or another involved himself in virtually every aspect of ufology. Mr. Oechsler has been variously described as a clown, a fraud and even a con-man (in 1991 he attempted to involve several of his then friends in the UFO field in some sort of bizarre pyramid scheme in which participants were to send him money via Federal Express (so as to avoid federal laws governing mail fraud)—telling at least one associate that he intended to make several hundred thousand dollars). Mr. Oechsler who represents himself as a former "NASA Mission Specialist" has participated with Dr. Maccabee in the photographic analysis of the Gulf Breeze material.

[Commander Gene Cernan USN (Retd. and former NASA astronaut, reported that Oechsler had NEVER held the position he claims in NASA, but that it was possible that he had worked as a junior technician either with NASA or with a NASA sub-contractor, in which case his name would not have been known anyway.]

Mr. Oechsler has also made a series of fantastic claims concerning his alleged discoveries of various secret government UFO related projects including an operational anti-gravity chamber, sophisticated anti-alien defense installations, a wide-ranging program to educate the general public as to the reality of the UFO phenomenon and others too tedious to detail here. These "discoveries" were published by Timothy Good in his book "Alien Liaison" in England and more recently in "Alien Contact" here in the United States. It is virtually certain that most if not all of Mr. Oechsler's claims are fraudulent and he has intimidated to Walt Andrus, International Director of the Mutual UFO Network, that he fabricated at least some of the material.

The most important point here is not Oechsler's selling of this material to the television shows 'Unsolved Mysteries' and 'Sightings' but Dr. Maccabee's clear support for the validity of the case. Dr. Maccabee spoke in support of the authenticity of the Guardian video on at least one television program and before the large audience of a UFO conference in Silver Spring, MD. "

"Richard Hall, the Fund's (for UFO Research) newly elected chairman, also said that he was equally perplexed by some of the UFO cases that Maccabee had promoted such as Gulf Breeze and the "Guardian" case.

[quote ends]

To which Maccabee responded in his 'Hot Air' rebuttal:

[quote]

The writer charges that my support for UFO cases which, in the mind of the writer at least, are "obviously" poor cases or frauds (New Zealand, Kirtland Landing Case, Gulf Breeze, Guardian) has caused other researchers to waste time and money carrying out their own investigations. (How horrible!)

[quote ends]

It is not just in the mind of the writer of the 'Air Report' but also on the lips of many of ufology's leading lights. Not 'horrible!', just an immense waste of time, energy and money on a patent hoax. And how callous of a man who for many years was trusted and respected by his peers.

Bruce Maccabee's motive and actions throughout the course of Oechsler's investigation are highly suspect and we feel that Maccabee owes an explanation to all those in our field who have trusted his judgment over the years.

The question is, is Maccabee being manipulated by Oechsler? Is he being conned or have his judgement and analytical capabilities become desperately impaired?

During the May 28th, meeting between Bob Oechler, Graham Lightfoot and Gary Osterbrook, Susan Gill was introduced to Graham for the first time. Gill is the External Affairs 'witness' to the event that took place in the Labanek's field.

Her story or at least one version that she has given:

On a rainy night Susan Gill's dog began barking at the front window and she got up to see what was being barked at. As she looked through her window she noticed, through the trees that border her lot, a set of peculiar red lights glowing across the road in the Labanek's field she assumed they were fireworks. Other coloured lights rose up over the treetops and instantly vanished. When she did not

see any fireworks explode she got curious and went out to her driveway to take a closer look. Suddenly in front and above her was an object with swirling lights. As the object descended she tried, unsuccessfully to get back into her house and she claims that the Labanek dogs could be heard "barking up a storm in the distance" - this despite the fact that on the Guardian video only one dog is heard and only in the view of the 'craft' with the flares extinguished.

Weeks later Gill recalled in detail being abroad the craft and conversing telepathically with the alien occupants and an oriental looking 'being' in charge.

She also remembered a car going by in front of her house just after a helicopter flew over the Labanek's field. She has given several different versions of the car and driver story: It was the Guardian who stopped to ask her if she was OK, another that he stopped and was very rude to her and yet another story that she thought it might have been the Guardian but took note of his licence number anyway despite the fact that she was very groggy and the car was speeding away.

Gill claims that on the night she had these experiences it was raining, which on investigation proved to be the night before Diane Labanek and the Guardian claimed to have seen and videoed the 'landed craft'. But, what is most intriguing is Gill's ability to see through the deep stand of thick, tall spuce trees between her and the 'landing site' in the Labanek's field.

Gill is adamant about dogs barking - both hers and the Labaneks, despite the fact that on the Guardian video only one dog is heard and only in the view of the 'craft' with the flares extinguished.

Recently, Gill told our investigators that she was sure that her 'event' took place on "a rainy night", which she maintains was the night before Labanek's 'sighting'. The Guardian video shows neither rain nor wetness which leads us to believe that either Labanek and Guardian were lying or Susan Gill was making up her story.

Gill sent a signed letter to a third party (who wishes to remain anonymous) complaining about "Graham Lightfoot and his associates".

She wrote:

[quote]

Mr. Lightfoot first presented himself as having a professional background as a reporter and as a serious UFO Investigator. I had indicated that I was writing a book involving UFOs, aliens, psychic phenomena, a female abductee and an investigator and showed him not only the first chapters but also the story line.

Although fictitious characters and incidents are in the story and it is to be published as fiction I'm disturbed by Mr. Lightfoot's indiscretion at revealing it's contents.

[quote ends]

It's strange that Gill would denounce Graham in her letter since she had already shown both her story and outline to Oechsler - he had it when Graham first met Gill.

Why would she be so upset with something that she thought Graham had done when she already knew Oechsler had the story ready to go to print into the UFO Library magazine? She was present when Graham read over Oechsler's copy for the magazine. She was not at all concerned that Bob was using her story, and never suggested that she as at any subsequent meeting with Graham.

If, as Gill writes "fictitious characters and incidents are in the story and it is to be published as fiction" - why did Oechsler treat her story as fact, connecting it in the October/November 1993 issue of UFO Library to The Guardian Story?

In the second paragraph of his 'Insiders Report', Oechsler used part of the opening chapter of Gill's novel without giving her a writer's credit - curiously, the same parts of her book that she claims Graham was indiscreet about. None of the 'facts' in this paragraph of Oechsler's "surrealistic screams, excruciating cries of tormented agony that warned off all attempts by residents to investigate, startling screams like no other sound experienced before by anyone...." have been reported or verified. We can only point out that these facts are the opening of Susan Gills Horror Novel.

In the letter Gill also complained that:

[quote]

Derogatory remarks are being made by Mr. Lightfoot and his Associates about Mr. Oechsler and myself that are unacceptable and are sufficient grounds for a lawsuit.

[quote ends]

The third party replied in a letter to Susan Gill:

[quote]

Please be advised that I am in receipt of your signed letter of the above date. Please be advised also that I have taken your letter very seriously.

As you so correctly pointed out in your letter it is not wise to go by hearsay, for instance, I have been led to believe that all along and from many independent sources that you were indeed victim of the extraordinary phenomenon known as 'UFO Abduction' and was suprised to learn from your letter that a misunderstanding has occurred.

I was not aware that your only participation in the events that transpired in you neighborhood was by way of research for a book of fiction you wre writing as opposed to a personal experience.

May I apologize for this misconception and stress that I will indeed pass you message on to whoever I hear expressing an incorrect view on this matter. Had you chosen to simply write to set the record straight about the above, I would have been agreeable to respect your total confidentiality.

Good luck in your work of fiction.

[quote ends]

Gill has not responded to the preceeding letter and all of this leads to the obvious question: How valid were the Lie detector tests on Gill? Unless of course the questions asked of her during the polygraph testing

skirted around the situation or that she is a confabulator (a pathological liar) - someone who believes what they are saying even if the events they describe never happened. Of course we can only surmise!

Diane Labanek was also scheduled to take a polygraph test but changed her mind at the last minute - perhaps realising that she might not 'pass'. By that time there were many people asking a lot of questions about her involvement in the Guardian Caper.





Across the Great White North

Flying Saucers Re-Viewed

by Michael Strainic
MUFON Canadian National Director

"Now the Past is something, we all have some,
Universal history is a bundle of fun..."

--Robin Williamson

In our last column we took a look at the rather amazing legacy of the well-known Canadian UFO researcher W. K. Allan, a legacy which took the very tangible form of many, many hours of audiotaped interviews with UFO witnesses. In this issue we'll continue with this audiotape motif a little further for a slightly different view of UFO history. So, Sherman, set the WayBack Machine for the 1950s, and.....

Another project that MUFON Canada is engaged in, concurrently and coincident with the transcription and data-entry of the Bill Allan Collection, is the similar dubbing-to-cassette and indexing of a collection of reel-to-reel audiotapes from the long-defunct "Vancouver Area Flying Saucer Club." The VAFSC was a very large and active group that existed from the early 1950s to some time in the early 1970s, and was certainly typical of its day. The president of the organization was Herb Clark, a fascinating and tireless man. Mr. Clark was a bit of a local celebrity, and the focus and interests of the group reflected the times in which they existed. The Club eventually succumbed to attrition and most especially Change: changing times, changing attitudes, a changing cast of UFO players, and of course, a changing phenomenon. Eventually, their extensive audiotape collection was passed along to a friend and colleague, Brian Fewster, who has graciously loaned the tapes to us for this project.

Once again we are using our available technology to salvage the material and transfer these tapes

into a useable format. This is a salvage operation in a very real sense. As we all know, recording tape is far from a permanent medium, and in addition to breakage, it can degenerate and self-destruct in a variety of ways. So far, two audiotapes have not survived the process -- when we attempted to thread the tapes into a recorder, the oxide coating literally separated from the plastic backing and then completely fell apart.

So what lurks within this particular batch of material? Well, there are some recordings of complete meetings of the VAFSC, but mostly the material is an assortment of lectures given by various UFO personalities of the day -- mostly given locally in Vancouver, but some are "imports" from other, similar UFO groups around North America and England. For those who have an interest in this particular aspect of ufology -- and it IS a part, a very important part -- the lecturers include the omnipresent George Adamski, Daniel W. Fry, Truman Bethurum, George Van Tassel, and a host of other contactees.

An obvious and rhetorical question needs to be asked here: is it odd that this large amount of valuable and historical UFO-related material (the Bill Allan Collection and the VAFSC material) should be residing out here in Vancouver only, or are there similar caches of material elsewhere in Canada? Vancouver, and British Columbia in general, has always had an affinity for the unusual, so it is not surprising that there were active UFO groups. Daniel Fry was a frequent visitor to the area, and a branch of his organization, Understanding, Inc., was formed in Vancouver (in fact, the VAFSC for the most part became the local Understanding chapter). If there is anything unusual it might be the fact that we actively sought out this historical material and are attempting to preserve it for the future. But no, this situation is not unique. I have heard many horror stories in which a researcher's entire case files -- the person's life's work, if you will -- has ended up in a neighbourhood dumpster because the surviving spouse simply did not know what to do with it all and did not think that anyone else would want it. Add to this the similar incidences of divorces, fires, and other conflagrations, and it should be obvious that there is a lot of irreplaceable UFO material vanishing forever -- and probably needlessly.

When we were going through some of Bill Allan's material, we discovered a set of two cassette tapes -- cassette tapes being an oddity in themselves in his reel-to-reel archives. These were tapes of the

very first interviews by anyone of Edwin Fuhr, of Langenburg, Saskatchewan, recounting his now-famous encounter with five UFOs and the ground markings left in their wake. These tapes were sent to Bill Allan by the investigators who conducted the interviews, and their organization's business card was attached to the cassettes: Saskatchewan Unidentified Phenomena Research. This information, along with names and addresses, was relayed to Danny Clairmont and Ruth Walde, MUFON's current and former Provincial Directors respectively, in the hope that they could track down these individuals and to learn if their UFO material still existed and what provisions were made for its dispensation. It was not too difficult to locate one of the names we had, and what Danny and Ruth learned was rather depressing. One gentleman had hit on very hard times and it was basically pointless to contact him. The other person, when asked about the records and files of the group, stated, "Oh, I really don't know, I think I threw all that stuff out years ago....." Simply put, he honestly didn't know what had become of the material, and he didn't much care either.

So it goes. Another very active and well-respected organization was the Edmonton UFO Society, which was active up until the mid-1970s (or at least their files were available until that time). I have spoken with at least seven former members of this group, and no-one knows where their files are, or even if they are, or who might possibly have them. Several Alberta researchers have followed a similar path towards these records, and have come up similarly dry.

So once again, it's time for the moral of the story. History, at least from our place in the space-time continuum, does not repeat itself. When it's gone, it's gone. Period. Records of past events do, however, remain, until misfortune and/or entropy rears its ugly head. So far, we in British Columbia have been very fortunate in saving much of this local UFO material from oblivion. But the scenario is being played out all across Canada, in the US, and most likely in every country that has ever been home to a UFO organization or even just one dedicated researcher. There is a vast amount of important UFO-related material out there, languishing in attics, gathering dust in closets, mouldering in damp basements, and just plain decomposing due to the effects of time. This information is extremely important to all of us who have a serious interest in this enigma, and, by our inaction, we are allowing it to disappear forever.

And the blame and guilt will rest on our heads forever.

So what can we do about the situation? Well, for one thing, we can borrow a saying from the ecological movement -- "Think globally, act locally." Do some local research. What UFO groups (or in years past, "Flying Saucer clubs") existed in your province? What about Psychic or Paranormal societies? Or contactee groups? Who were the major players in these groups? Can these people be located and contacted? Have they made any provision for the dispensation of whatever material they still have?

It would be very easy at this point to bury you alive in history-related clichés, so I won't. I will say, though, that all those clichés are true -- if they weren't, they would not have become cliché. Although we primarily have focused on the salvage aspect of our history, another point should be brought up here -- so far, no-one has attempted to write a comprehensive history of Canadian ufology. For a classic example of this type of history, I would heartily recommend the excellent paper, "Australian Ufology: A Review" by Keith Basterfield, Vladimir Godic, Pony Godic and Mark Rodeghier in the *Journal of UFO Studies, New Series, Volume 2* (this excellent refereed journal and other material is available from the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies, 2457 West Peterson, Chicago, IL, 60659, USA).

If any of these projects appeal to you, whether you are a history buff or a generalist ufologist, you certainly have your work cut out for you. And, like so many of the tasks we need to do, it can be banal, tedious and lackluster, or the first step on a fascinating journey. Bon Voyage!

Well, it seems that the WayBack Machine is getting low on Stannous Fluoride, so I'll get Sherman to put away his hula hoop and send us back to the present, where we'll meet again, next issue!



SIGHTINGS AT SUBWAY (Toronto)

by Sue Kovios

In September and October of this year, Tom Theofanous, Assistant Director, MUFON Ontario, received information from Flora Clark of Toronto. This was regarding two sightings she has had in the last few years.

The first was while waiting for the bus at Pape Subway station (eastern Toronto line which runs along Danforth Avenue) she spotted two solid black disks moving past the full moon south by south-west. It was about one week after Halloween, 1992 at about 8:00-9:00 p.m. and the sky was dark.

The clouds looked like thin, tattered lace curtains. She thought perhaps these objects were lenticular clouds which her father had taught her about when she was growing up on a farm in northern Ontario. But these two shapes didn't have fuzzy edges. They were solid black, sharply defined and did not reflect light that clouds sometimes do. They were very high and large according to her judgment.

They moved faster than clouds but slower than any conventional aircraft. Once they passed the moon she lost sight of them. She thought perhaps she could spot them in the moonlight again but couldn't. She assumed that they were a greater distance away, higher up in space maybe closer to the moon. When asked to compare the shapes to the size of her fist at arms length, she stated they were bigger than her little fingernail.

Flora was unable to communicate with others waiting for the bus due to deafness from meningitis at age 7. She could not confirm if others had also seen these objects. She did however confirm the date with a friend she had reported her sighting to who works at the Royal Ontario Museum.

The second sighting occurred two or three days prior to the CNE (Toronto) Airshow in August of this year. She again was waiting for the bus at Pape Subway around the same time in the evening.

She said the sky was dark so it may have been later than 9:00 p.m. since it was in the middle of summer and the sky isn't dark in the west until after 9:00 p.m. at the earliest.

She was looking up towards the Holy Name Church bell tower (which is just south-west of the corner of Pape and Danforth). The tower is visible from her location on the bus platform. It is lit up at night and has a silver-grey glow when I observed it early in November (94).

Flora observed a strange object rise and barely clear the cross on the church tower. It moved towards her very low going north-east. She stated perhaps it was a lot larger than she thought and that's why it seemed to be flying low. It moved about 25 kmh, (which is about the average speed the traffic is moving because of the area).

The object was triangular with 3 recessed lights, one which seemed to trail the other two and glowed yellow-white. The object's underside was pewter coloured with a boat keel shape on the bottom (which she observed from the lights given off from Danforth Avenue). The lights did not blink like those on a normal aircraft. Its own lights did not reflect the colour or shape.

Flora stated in early October she did observe a small aircraft fly over in a similar path but had the lights a normal aircraft would have and could distinguish what it was. She could not compare sizes since the other was triangular.

She could not determine the exact size of the object she saw but suggested about 20-30 feet from the leading edge comparing it to the size of a store front.

Flora stated that no one else seemed to observe the object which seemed odd since it seemed so low. She also stated that as it passed overhead moving north-east, no one seemed to notice and thought perhaps if it made any sound, the other people may have thought it was just an aircraft and ignored it, or it didn't make any noise to attract their attention.

Flora dismissed the idea that it was a plane doing trials before the airshow since it was too late in the evening and they wouldn't fly in that direction anyway.

She also stated to Tom that other deaf people she has met over the years have made claims to seeing the same or similar triangular shaped objects as far away as North Carolina. She has read stories and seen pictures of high-tech airplanes being developed and tested but nothing that compared to what she saw.

People should take note of an important point Flora stated in her closing to Tom. It is very important to record dates, times, etc. of occurrences. Without sufficient information it makes it very difficult to investigate a report and make any definite conclusions.

Airports and radar stations sometimes have thousands of records per day to sift through and only approximate dates, times, locations, etc. could result in a report being a number of different things.

Also, if able, don't be afraid to check with anyone nearby at the time these observations occur. It's possible they saw the same thing you did but were afraid to say anything to anyone else. Try and get their names and phone numbers, if possible.

They may also tell you to go away, but please don't be afraid to speak up if you're sure of what you saw or need reassurance of what you thought you saw.

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Mr. Magor stated "The function of Ufology at this early stage is not to diagnose and explain but to observe and describe. Since we know so little about our visitors, any 'expert' who thinks otherwise is in for trouble."

Perhaps that is what the Indians and other tribes have been doing for hundreds of years. They observe and describe what they have seen and pass their experiences down through the generations. They have accepted what they have seen and are less likely to create a hoax thereby making their stories more credible.

It seems we are still only observing and describing. Some are diagnosing and offering the most logical explanation within their technological capacity - and these explanations seem to be more palatable to the general public. But these 'explanations' do not cover the 5% of cases that remain unclassified. As Mr. Magor quoted from 'Oklahoma' "We've gone as far as we can go." We may understand more today, but our efforts have not pushed us any further ahead to resolve this issue.

Mr. Magor wrote about the moon "...the evidence we have considered does suggest that although the original occupants may have gone, some form of alien intelligence is up there now. If we accept the idea that Earth is a calling point for visitors from

space, it is reasonable to suppose the Moon is a primary base for their operations. By landing there, man already may have entered the domain of another civilization."

In closing, if a human from Earth can explore another domain such as the Moon, then it may be very possible that there is another form of human visiting our domain. And if we are exploring the possibility of inhabiting Mars, possibly to alleviate over-population or escape catastrophe on our own domain, then perhaps there is another existence planning the same course of action.

Thank you John Magor for your valuable contributions to Ufology. Without your efforts and those of people like you over the years, we might not have achieved the level of understanding (although still limited) held by Ufologists today. May you rest in peace and may we all someday be at peace.

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In 1992 a married couple, John and Susan B., both in their early thirties, had numerous 'clear' sightings including a saucer shaped object, silver in color with lights around it, hovering over a hospital in their hometown of Hamilton, Ontario.

While driving to a corner store one evening in February 1993 they noticed an object ahead and up a few hundred feet coming toward their car.

They slowed down to get a better look as the object was almost overhead and in front of them. They followed it, watching in amazement for a while as the craft slowly drifted above and along the street until it sped up, climbed and disappeared.

Again, John and Susan reported a very peculiar absence of people, cars noises of any kind while they observed the object but as in the previous case after the object left everything came back to normal.

The most unusual incident occurred one night in the Spring of '93 after visiting John's family about 20 miles away.

They had called the baby-sitter approximately 1:30 am. telling her that they were on their way home.

When they arrived the baby-sitter was very upset and asked them what took them so long. They replied "it only took them 25 minutes to come home" when the baby-sitter pointed out that it was past 4:00 AM!

Although puzzled, they felt very tired and went to sleep soon after.

A couple of days later Susan developed a strange skin lesion on her abdomen. Like a pimple with a fairly large hole in the middle about the width of a cigarette and about 1/2 to 3/4 of an inch deep, it caused a lot of problems internally and none of the dermatologists she consulted had could offer any suggestions as to its cause or cure.

Within 4 or 5 days of the missing-time incident, John while scratching an itchy spot on the back of his leg, found a similar lesion, smaller but similar to Susan's in depth.

During the ensuing two weeks, John and Susan started to recall some of the details of their drive homeward on the night of the 'time-gap'.

About halfway home and approaching a hill they saw a car up ahead, stopped, with two women in their mid 40s to early 50s standing beside it. They were staring in the direction of a landed craft at the top of the hill.

John and Susan also remembered two pale entities with large heads and eyes coming toward them.

Among their recollections they were in a very 'alien' place being worked on 'medically' by the entities.

John eventually became extremely fearful as a result of his experiences that night.

Their lesions started to heal about 6 to 8 weeks later but in the meantime Susan went through extreme pain and she said that none of her doctors had any idea what to do. When the lesions started to heal they did so from the inside out.

The experiences still continue but are less frequent.

To be continued...

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Let's investigate UFO reports with the scepticism and professionalism we all claim to have. Let's get documented investigated cases by filling out the MUFON forms. Maybe they need to be redesigned but they're the only ones that pack a scientific concise format. If you have better suggestions present them to your directors, until then continue to use the ones we have.

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Abduction absurdities

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Introduction

One more book¹ about abductions has appeared, but this time with a significant difference: the author is a distinguished Harvard psychiatrist and has the background and credentials that previous dilettantes² ⁱⁱⁱ lacked. Thus, one would expect a more precise and scientific presentation of a controversial issue, establishing a solid platform from which a rational treatment of the subject matter could be launched.

Unfortunately, that is not the case, perhaps because the topic itself is unamenable to scientific discourse. As in previous attempts, all we find is a collection of anecdotes obtained mostly by hypnotic techniques from witnesses whose personalities, occupations, training and position in our society are barely sketched. The narratives are interesting, unusual, bizarre more often than not, with an abundance of detail that, instead of increasing their ontological validity, only emphasizes the absurdity and physical impossibility of what we are told.

As in previous works, not a shred of evidence is provided to substantiate the stories, even in instances where apparently corroborating information could have been obtained. As one of Mack's critics^{iv} has perceptively indicated, the author is content with whatever he obtains from the witnesses in his office and does not go into the real world to validate his contentions. In fact, one has reason to doubt that he has done his literature research with enough care, when, for instance, he uncritically repeats (Ref. 1, p. 12) that abductions have taken place in 17 countries, among others, France, Spain and Uruguay. The truth is that only one totally discredited abduction report in France is found in the literature, that the 3 or 4 cases allegedly occurring in Spain are very dubious and that—as far as I know—no abduction has ever been reported in Uruguay. The reality is that the abduction aspect of the UFO phenomenon occurs typically and predominantly in the US, not surprisingly considering that its main advocate, former artist Elliott Budd Hopkins, is a resident of that country.

The absurdities

From the viewpoint of the hard sciences there seem to be two options mutually exclusive: either the whole abduction structure has no foundation in reality, in which case we are wasting our time, or, alternatively, the stories reflect real events, although at times they might be somewhat distorted and diffuse. We will assume that the latter is true, and see where *reductio ad absurdum* will lead us.

(a) Provenance

The basic tenet of Hopkins et al.'s ideas is that we are presently visited by aliens whose world is coming to an end, and who are engaged in an all-out effort to save their race from extinction by applying their more advanced genetic knowledge to engineering a hybrid race that eventually will take over Earth.

Since our spatial probes have visited most of the planets able to support life in our solar system and found no indication of life, it follows that the aliens must come from exterior space, bringing into focus the difficulties of interstellar travel. The abductees describe huge crafts, sometimes of the order of hundreds of yards, with large crews of at least two types of aliens, which have to be fed and lodged. But more important, the energy requirements to displace such a craft through distances of the order of light years would be staggering. Yet, we are led to believe that more than one of those interstellar crafts prowls in our atmosphere.

What does the Devil's Advocate say about this?

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- i) the crew could travel in suspended cryogenic animation, thus requiring few provisions.
- ii) fuel could be obtained by sweeping hydrogen atoms from space while traveling.
- iii) or, the ship could transit through a white hole, except that the magnitude of the gravitational forces would make survival impossible.
- iv) a planet threatened with final obliteration would not hesitate to use all the available resources in a last interstellar fling, or even to mount expeditions to several neighboring stars of the right spectral type. But it would be against its interest to send all crafts to the same destination.

v) the aliens arrived in the solar system a long time ago, (Ref. 1, p. 227) establishing a base on Mars (don't forget that alleged head there!) or on the moon, and have to travel only short distances, an easy feat that even we, with our chemical fuels, can perform.

Only (v) above has some merit, but then the expectation would be to see smaller crafts better adapted for the Earth-Moon milk run, contrary to the data. The first absurdity is thus firmly stated.

(b) The familiar aliens

Since the pioneer work of artist E. B. Hopkins, passing through the entertaining book of historian Dr. David Jacobs, and terminating with the respectable efforts of psychiatrist John Mack, M.D., we have been confronted with a parade of aliens having some surprising common characteristics: i) they are overwhelmingly humanoid, exhibiting two arms, two legs, one head, two big wrap-around black eyes, and the rudiments of mouth and nostrils; and ii) they move unencumbered in the earth's gravitational field, without requiring breathing apparatus.

Probabilistic considerations indicate that it is quite likely that among the large number of stars which form the galaxy, many will have the correct conditions to harbor planets capable of supporting life. But life, as we know it, is possible only within a very narrow range of physical parameters, and a small percent change, say in the value of the solar constant, would wipe out life from our planet. Consequently, humanoids as described by the abductees must come from a planet almost identical to Earth, another absurdity. Such a planet indeed can exist, but can be anywhere in the galaxy, and the question is: why would the aliens select our insignificant star in a remote galactic arm as the destination of their quest for a new home?

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If the aliens reached the solar system many millennia ago, and settled in a base on Mars or the moon (say); they had a long adaptation period, and only in modern times were capable of implementing their genetic plans.

(c) Alien multiplicity

The aliens described by the witnesses studied by each researcher (Hopkins, Jacobs, Mack) might be similar in form but the three authors make quite clear that their attitude toward the abductees are remarkably dissimilar, although their genetic efforts seem to be the same.

We can safely reject the notion of three groups of aliens from the same remote planet, but having diverse philosophies, not only because of its absurdity, but also for the fact that the aliens described to each specific researcher seem to have the same attitude in spite of the random witness selection process.

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The descriptions of the aliens seem to be similar, thus establishing a common origin, which could be even a single planet. But might equally well result from the fact that latter-day abductees have unquestionably read previous books (Hopkins, Jacobs) and have subconsciously adjusted to the pattern.

Each abduction book is the end product of the interaction of a certain group, the abductees, with one specific analyst. An exact statement of the protocol is not given, but since the hypnosis sessions were lengthy and extended over many months, the influence of the analyst is not only expected but unavoidable. This influence is not reflected in the physical descriptions of the aliens, but in their moral and ethical attributes, mirroring the political or other bias of the authors. While Jacobs' aliens are indifferent to issues not related to the breeding activities, in the words of one critic^v *"the abductors have the same relationship to abductees that laboratory technicians have to white rats"*, Mack's witnesses are terrified by the entities, which inflict intense physical pain and torture with sadistic unconcern.

This dichotomy is an absurdity. For if the aliens have a common provenance and a common operational goal, it would inflexibly control their behavior in all cases. Thus, the diversified perception of the entities by their victims, not randomized but sorted out by researcher, only decreases the potential reality of the abduction experiences.

(d) Technical contradictions

The abduction researchers have asserted that the aliens are able to penetrate solid obstacles such as walls^{vi}, specifically during the initial stages of the events. There is no evidence for this except the testimony of the witnesses, but when one abductee arrives to the waiting craft, she is brought inside *"through a hole in the floor"*^{vii}. When the same victim is ready to be returned, the floor *"sort of disintegrates beneath us"*^{viii}, which is not the same as penetrating solid matter.

The main and apparently only objective of the aliens is the creation of a hybrid race, and to that effect they have mounted a vast operation to obtain sperm and ova from human victims, selected at random and transported to their ship(s) for the purpose. This implies not only a great deal of effort, but also entails a definite operational risk of detection. Yet, the same ends could be obtained by raiding a sperm bank or similar facilities where the desired items are stored without stringent security. This would be easy to accomplish by aliens capable of transversing solid walls, and yet, we don't see any signs of such activity.

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The aliens endeavor to keep their activities covert, and the sudden disappearance of stock from a sperm bank would undoubtedly trigger an in-depth investigation. Forensic examination of the place would reveal the visit by non-human entities, something the aliens can't afford. Besides, time is on their side, and their present method is less likely to attract attention, as so far there is no incontrovertible evidence of the abductions.

Alien visits to specific indoor spaces are sometimes a daily occurrence, as was the case with Melissa Bucknell, Dr. Jacobs^{ix}, star witness. An attempt was made to record the event using a TV camera, but it failed, as could be expected considering how easy it was for the aliens to circumvent the trap. It would have been a completely different story if someone had thought about doing an in-depth forensic sweep of the "scene of the crime" after the fact. Yet, absurdly this was not done, perhaps because negative results would have been the kiss of death for abduction research.

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Indeed, immediate examination of the location of an abduction by forensic techniques could provide incontrovertible proof of an alien presence in a room. But the staggering cost indeed was and is a powerful deterrent. Perhaps the Fund for UFO Research should consider setting aside the necessary resources and have them available at once if the occasion presents itself again.

(e) Craft size and multiple humans.

Abduction researchers (Hopkins^x, Jacobs^{xi}) have repeatedly asserted that the crafts described by the witnesses are extremely large and display a constellation of lights. The huge dimensions are confirmed when the abductees tell the investigator that they were taken into gigantic rooms, with hundreds of tables where they saw other humans, *"between one hundred and two hundred"* on whom procedures were being done (Mack^{xii}).

The absurdity of such a possibility is twofold. First, a large illuminated craft hovering over a fixed location for the duration of the procedures, —which we are told is of the order of one hour or so— hardly would have escaped detection not only by the public at large but by the authorities monitoring our air space. And second, if the craft remains at a fixed place, the simultaneity of the procedures for a hundred or more persons seems to demand that the abductees were taken from a limited geographical area, again an event that could hardly go unnoticed.

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The craft doesn't have to remain stationary at a given location, but moves continuously to lift and return the abductees. If the lights are off, and the aliens have stealth technology, those motions will not be recorded by radar, and their chance of escaping detection is excellent.

The absurdity is then in the scheduling. To collect and return each abductee of necessity requires some time that, from the given narratives, one could estimate at two minutes, each individual at a different location. Thus, 100 abductees demand 200 minutes, to which a prudent man would add a transit time between stops, say another 2 minutes, for a grand total of 400 minutes, or more than 6 hours, just for the logistics of the operation. No matter how we look at it, the concurrent presence of one or two hundred abductees in a single room in an alien craft is almost a physical impossibility.

The Hybrid Question

According to Hopkins et al., we are being visited by one or more alien races in decline, whose purpose is to shore up their genetic pool by using the human reservoir. The abductions are aimed at obtaining sperm and ova for hybridization processes.

Two things do not seem to fit this hypothesis. First, in the accepted view of present-day science the issue of mixed species is not fertile, and thus the resulting human-alien hybrids would not represent a definite solution for the long-term survival of the aliens. But perhaps the real purpose is different, as for instance, just to create a work force which could easily adapt to local conditions and perhaps eventually melt into the earth's population and go undetected. This would explain the need for the continuous aggressive program that the abduction experts believe is taking place.

The second point is just an observation. In subsequent visits to what are apparently the same individual craft, the abductees are often shown human-alien babies which are their own, but no mention has been made in the published material of full-grown hybrids. There are two possible explanations for this omission: the alien breeding program is failing, and babies do not reach adulthood, or on the contrary, the program is a success and the grown-up hybrids are shipped elsewhere to do what they were designed to do in the first place.

As I am not a biologist, I only offer the above suggestions for completeness, in an attempt to give sense to those relentless activities which the abductionists believe are covertly taking place in our midst.

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The aliens are by far more advanced than we are in biology and particularly in genetic engineering, and have no difficulties in inter-species breeding, as shown by their activities, which otherwise would be senseless. It is anthropomorphic to attribute to them our own limitations.

Conclusions

The absurdities loom in spite of efforts by the Devil's Advocate to eliminate them, a clear indication that the interpretation given by the abduction experts to the bizarre narratives of their clients must be ontologically incorrect. Until such a time when and if physical evidence of the abduction phenomenon becomes available, those events have only anecdotal value at best, although the many books on the topic, even if of dubious scientific value, make entertaining reading and are a source of revenue for their authors.

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